



Ruddy Duck, Best of Show
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The ruddy duck is built for life in the water. While its stiff tail acts like a rudder, its enormous feet serve as stabilizers and provide thrust.

In the spring, the male's bill makes a dramatic change from gray-black to bright sky blue, and new plumage transforms his body from a drab gray-brown to a brilliant chestnut red. As he swims, his long, fan-shaped tail proudly extends upward.

In winter, the ruddy can be seen in California's valley wetlands and coastal bays. Densely vegetated freshwater marshes and lakes provide nesting habitat for the ruddy in the spring.



Cinnamon Teal, Honorable Mention
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2 Junior Pheasant Hunts, San Luis Obispo County (805) 238-4236 Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Delevan NWR (530) 934-2801	3	4	5
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